

The role of the PCWP observer in the MSSG

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Role and weight of observers in the MSSG

- Large space to expose patient & consumer concerns, ask questions, request information (within MSSG or public), etc.
- Not very clear what we can share (info, documents, etc.) > Clarifying (and limiting) confidentiality rules would help us exchange more freely with other PCWP members
- We are not part of the SPOC WP > only informed
- No more situation of ‘public health emergency’ or ‘major event’ (strict interpretation of MS) > The “Official” role (and power) of the MSSG is pretty limited
- MSSG now working on the EU list of critical medicines > Crucial
- The pharma package (Reg.) could considerably increase the role of the MSSG > What about observers?



The role of the HCPWP member within the Medicine Shortages Steering Group

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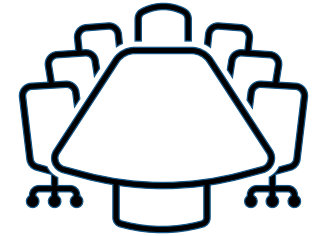
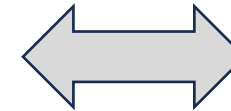
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HCPWP representative – the voice of HCPWP in MSSG
Sometimes difficult to engage/lack of possibilities for HCP comments



Important activities of MSSSG for HCPs

- [Joint statement by Executive Steering Group on Shortages and Safety of Medicinal Products \(MSSG\) on shortages of antibiotic medicines](#) (20/01/2023)
- [EMA update on shortages of antibiotics in the EU](#) (26/01/2023)
- A **Solidarity Mechanism Working Group** advises the Executive Steering Group on setting up a voluntary solidarity forum for EU and European Economic Area (EEA) Member States to seek help from one another in obtaining medicines in case of critical shortages in their own country. It was set up in July 2023. The voluntary solidarity forum supports member countries in exceptional circumstances when they cannot restore medicine supply in case of critical shortages through other measures.
- **European Shortages Management Platform:** Working Group advises on implementing the [European Shortages Management Platform \(ESMP\)](#). It was set up in September 2022. It is responsible for developing the technical and functional specifications of the ESMP, including a data exchange mechanism with national systems and the data format for electronic submission; strengthening cooperation with the [European medicines regulatory network](#).
- List of critical medicine